



Wallington High School *For Girls*

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THE WALLINGTON WEEK

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A welcome back to everyone after the half-term break.

We started this new half-term with our Girls' Learning Trust Conference which involved all of the schools in the GLT, hosted by Nonsuch School. The theme of the conference was 'Staff and students as risk takers, innovators and creators. Key note speakers included Fareda Banda (who having worked for the Law Commission of England and Wales has been at SOAS since 1996 teaching English Family law, Human rights of women, and Law and Society) and Julia Anderson (Managing Director Education & Public Benefit, BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT). This was followed by a variety of workshops on teaching & learning and a whole host of other areas, led by staff from across the three schools. Overall it was a very informative and productive day.

This week, Mrs Godyn delivered assemblies which challenged students to consider what it means to be "good". We talked about how various scientific studies have demonstrated that babies from a very young age have an inbuilt understanding of what is right/wrong and that young children are often intrinsically motivated to act positively, rather than being driven by the promise of a reward or out of concern that someone is watching. The assembly discussed how this was relevant in our school setting and how all members of our school community should show positive behaviour, not simply because of the fear of sanction but because of our own moral code. This includes considering our behaviour in the canteen queue, when interacting with various members of school staff and also respecting school resources, such as library books.

Have a great weekend.

Mr R Booth
Headteacher



Year 8 & 10 Parents' Evening

We would like to remind you about the upcoming Parents' Evenings for Year 8 and 10 students.

The dates are as follows:

- **Year 10 Parents' Evening** on Wednesday, 8th March 2023 between 4-7pm. Further appointments will be released on Wednesday 1st March 2023.

- **Year 8 Parents' Evening** on Monday, 13th March between 2-5:30pm. More details on an early finish will be communicated to you nearer the time. Further appointments will be released on Monday 6th March, 12pm.

We hope you will take the opportunity to attend these evenings and discuss your child's progress and future prospects with their teachers. Please contact me directly via taldemir@wallingtongirls.org.uk if you are experiencing any difficulty with booking your appointments.

Miss T Aldemir
Events & Communications Manager

WEX Placements

At the end of the school year our Year 11 and Year 12 students undertake Work Experience placements. If you are able to offer a placement to any of our students then please click [here](#).

Mr J Parkinson
Assistant Headteacher

Careers Opportunities

As next week is National Apprenticeships week we have added a variety of links to webinars and resources on our notice board. Opportunities include areas in engineering, law, finance and NHS healthcare and much more.

To find out more, visit our Padlet careers notice board by clicking [here](#).

Mrs Z Hole
Careers Leader

Parent Workshop: Communicating with your teenager (All Parents/Carers)

Date and time: Tuesday 14th March, 18.30-20.00

Facilitator: Jenny Langley - Mental Health Trainer from The Charlie Waller Trust

Location: This is a virtual event - Zoom

The Charlie Waller Trust has been working alongside Dr John Coleman who is a leading expert in the field of teenage brain development. Jenny Langley is one of their lead trainers in this area and in this session Jenny will talk us through the latest research around the development of the teenage brain, which starts from around the age of 8 and runs through to the mid-twenties. This session will also provide further information and examples of evidence-based techniques that can be used by parents to improve communication with their children and teenagers.

The link is here for this online workshop:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87094783665?pwd=L2UwZzllR2tMN3VGMDgycjQ3ODZYZz09>

Meeting ID: 870 9478 3665

Passcode: 122703

Y11 Parent Workshop: Revision Tips

Date and time: Mon 6th March, 18.00-19.00

Facilitator: Mr Donnelly – Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning at WHSG

Location: This event will be held in person at the WHSG – Main Hall

Mr Donnelly will provide Year 11 parents with tips and techniques to support their daughter with revision and how to retain more information and knowledge.

Miss M Gough
Assistant Headteacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Children's Mental Health Week - Dress to express

Feb 6th-12th marked Children's Mental Health Week. This year the theme was Let's Connect. The Wellbeing Mentors helped to deliver PSHCE lessons during this week and connected with year 7 and 8 in a lunchtime drop in where there were various games and activities on offer.

On Friday 10th Feb we held a dress to express non-uniform day, which helped to raise £1121.25 for Children's Mental Health Charity Place2be. Thank you all for your contributions!



Miss C Nwankwo
School Councillor



England Indoor Athletics Championships - Lia

Lia, a talented athlete in Year 12, recently competed at the England Indoor Athletics Championships in the U20 Hurdles category. This was her first time competing at this age group in a major competition, making her achievement even more impressive. The U20 Hurdles category is the last junior age group before athletes turn professional and compete at an adult level.

Bonsu's hard work and dedication paid off as she finished third in the final, earning a well-deserved bronze medal. Her performance showcased her talent and potential as she competed against some of the best young athletes in the country. Lia's achievement at this level of competition is a significant milestone in her athletic career.

Congratulations Lia!

Mrs S Collins
(Acting) Director of Sixth Form

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SPORTS NOTICES



Joyce -
Player of the Match



Our Year 7A Netball Team competed at Surrey School this afternoon, against some tough competition they never gave up and always kept their team spirit high! It is so great to see how supportive they are of each other! Shout out to player of the tournament Joyce as nominated by the rest of the team.



Victory, Victory, Victory!

We are so proud of the Y8 netball team at the Surrey Schools tournament today. They secured 3 wins against Lingfield, Coloma and City London of Freemans, and lost to Alleyns. Outstanding play from all players! Fighting spirit until the end! We await the final results this evening.



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Working with Children with Autism - Saturday Club Volunteers needed

Tutor positions available in Morden, Surrey from February 2023. Apply here: <https://forms.office.com/r/vyg85VrHij>

Please also see our website for further information: focussurrey.co.uk/volunteering

Calling all people with an interest in working with children with autism, including those in the teaching and care professions, plus students in psychology and therapy fields, this is a career-enhancing opportunity for you.

We are looking for volunteers to help support children with autism in a fun, friendly and child-centred environment. You need to be energetic, reliable and committed, as you will be active and on your feet regularly with your allocated child. Ideally you will have some experience of working with children and be interested in developing your understanding of children with disabilities.

You will receive two full days of training to help children practise social and early years' skills, in line with the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), an evidence-based approach. The club is led by a Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA). The initial training comprises one full day, then a further day of training on one of the Saturdays the children do not attend, in order for you to develop your understanding of autism, ABA and the skills required for the position.

As a tutor you will work 1:1 or 2:1 with two children (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) on specific targets and create learning opportunities through play and fun in a natural environment setting. Tutors will be paired with a specific child based on experience and qualifications. The age range is 3 to 16 years.

All volunteers go through a reference check and an Enhanced DBS check, and receive a certificate of participation and attendance.

Initial training will begin in February 2023. The club will run each Saturday from 9am to 4pm for 12 Saturdays total, from February 25th to May 27th (excluding April 1st and April 8th). February 25th and March 18th are mandatory training days and must be attended by all volunteers.

Please see below for the full list of club dates.

The venue is in Morden, accessible by bus routes 80, 93 and 154. It is a 15-minute walk from Morden Station, or a 5-minute walk from Morden South station.

Children aged 3 to 10 will attend the club from 10am to 12pm, and children aged 11 to 16 will attend from 1pm to 3pm.

From 9am-10am, and 3pm-4pm, volunteers will receive additional training and advice and help to prepare and tidy away materials.

We will be following government guidelines to maintain all Covid-19 recommended measures in place to keep the volunteers and children safe.

We can provide volunteer placements for those requiring experience for your studies - please ask for details.

This is the ideal opportunity to help start your chosen career or give your career a boost by learning new practical skills and behaviour-based strategies which you can use with any child.

So far we have trained more than 350 volunteers over 11 terms. Feedback taken each term indicated that 100% of volunteers surveyed would recommend the volunteering experience. The feedback each term from volunteers, parents and children has been overwhelmingly positive.

To apply, please fill in the online application at: <https://forms.office.com/r/vyg85VrHij>

If you have any questions, please get in touch via email; focussurrey@hotmail.com

Focus Surrey Chairperson